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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic.net, a competitive provider, because ATT in my area simply refuses to maintain and fix their service. I have had nothing but bad experience with ATT out here, and removing competition from them is only going to make things worse. I dont want pointless price increases and worse service for no good reason. Im self-employed and I need broadband to do my business. Without it, Im sunk. ATT will end me. Sonic.net and competitors allow me to thrive, and even offer better phone service. College students here are out of luck without Sonic too.

Please dont let ATT take away their competition. It wont benefit any of us out here in Berkeley.

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